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Civic Body Holds Meeting

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED—MANY MATTERS UP FOR DISCUSSION

The Menlo Park Improvement Association held an important meeting in the local theater last night at which time matters of vital importance to the community came up and were disposed of rapidly.

In the absence of President Caine L. H. Cook was selected to preside.

Following the reading of the minutes the reports of the various committees were taken up in order of their importance.

The committee entrusted with the task of securing information in regard to changing the names of the streets which are duplicated in the town reported that it would be necessary for the property owners to first agree upon a name and then circulate a petition and after it is signed to present it to the Board of Supervisors for their sanction.

The Christmas tree committee reported progress, and on motion the secretary was instructed to advertise the fact that **no one will be admitted to the Christmas Party without his membership card and that said card may be had by calling on Mrs. Gladstone at the Safety Electric works.**

A committee consisting of Victor Lightbody, J. P. Neilsen and L. E. Harris was appointed to meet with a committee from the Parent Teacher Association to devise ways and means of safely getting the school children across the highway to and from school.

F. O. Rogers reported for the Troop Committee appointed to organize a Boy Scout Troop. He stated that the work was being carried on as rapidly as possible and that the Troop would undoubtedly be organized within the next few weeks.

A motion prevailed that the long talked of street signs be put up at a cost of not to exceed $20. The work will be done at once.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT ON 23d

On Tuesday evening, December 23, the Menlo Park Improvement Association will hold its Christmas tree and entertainment in Trinity Parish house.

During the course of the evening a program will be given and there will be a good time for all who are fortunate enough to attend. Later in the evening a light lunch will be served.

This entertainment will be given for members of the Association and their families only and admission can only be secured by presentation of a membership card.

COUNTY TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR VERY LARGE AMOUNT

According to estimates given out at the office of Tax Collector Ambrose McSweeny this week the total taxes collected by his office for the first installment up to December 1st will reach a total of approximately $1,100,000.

The largest tax collected was that of the Spring Valley Water Company, the first installment being $84,351.48.

It is predicted by McSweeny that the final total will considerably exceed the figure of last year, and will be the largest collection of taxes ever made in San Mateo county.

Not a Practical Joke

When David E. Moulton of Portland, Maine, emerged from the home of a friend, where he had been calling and found his car, which he had left standing at the curb, a mass of whitewash inside and out, he thought it was a low-down, practical joke and notified the police, who investigated. And then the mystery evaporated, for it developed that there had been a fire next door, and the chemical hose had burst and enveloped the Moulton car.

See our Christmas Card Samples.

More Taxes for The Motorist

STANDARD OIL CO. POINTS OUT WEAK PLACES IN PROPOSED GAS TAXATION

(Standard Oil Bulletin, December 1924, published by the Standard Oil Company of California)

An economically unsound proposal has been made in California for an increase in the tax on gasoline, and there are reports that similar suggestions have been made in other Pacific Coast States.

The gasoline tax, orginating on the Pacific Coast five years ago, has proved quite contagious, and now it is in effect in some thirty-six states. Its alleged popularity is largely due to its apparent ease of collection, brought about by sadding the work and expense upon oil companies, and to a feeling that the motorists who use roads should pay for them, even though this in reality means that a decided minority of the people are made to pay for public improvements which are of unquestionable value and benefit to the whole people.

Those who propose the new California tax ignore this very important economic principle. In California there is one motor-car to every 3.5 or 4 people in the state. Under this new proposal between 25 per cent and 30 per cent of the people would pay for improvements of obvious benefit to all the rest of the people, who pay nothing. Good roads inevitably benefit all—they increase business in towns, they enhance property values in the the country or wherever they pass. For example, a man may own inaccessible property worth fifty dollars an acre. A new state highway passes through and the land becomes worth, possibly, one hundred dollars or more per acre. Yet under this proposed way of financing highway construction—a new way in California and a departure from the policy which created the present splendid highway system--the fortunate property owner pays nothing for the highway beyond, perhaps, ten or twenty dollars a year if he happens to own a motor-car. In California there are no direct state taxes on individuals, other than motor-vehicle taxes, the revenues of the state being principally derived from taxes on public and private corporations. Under the proposals which have been made, the present generation would pay for things of benefit to future generations, again a radical departure from the accepted theory of financing permanent public improvements of any character.

The proposed taxes will place a new burden upon an already heavily taxed motorist and upon motor-vehicle operation, which is calculated to have a bad effect upon the automobile industry. Motor-cars are now taxed in many ways, and each additional tax increases sales resistance, something to which the motor-car dealers of the state should give attention. The motorist's list of taxss is formidable. First there is a five per cent Federal excise tax on the purchase of a pleasure car, or three per cent on a commercial car There is also a five per cent Federal excise tax on parts and accessories. If the car is a vehicle for hire, there is a $10.00 Federal occupational tax on vehicles carrying seven passengers or less, and $20.00 if it carries more than seven. In California there is a state registration fee of $3.00 on all cars, while commercial cars are taxed up to $50.00 additional, depending on weight and character of tires. There is in California a two-cent gasoline tax which estimates show amounts to an average of $10.00 a year for passenger-cars and $20.00 for trucks. Every car owner also pays a personal property tax on assessed valuation.

There are two proposals as to gasoline tax being discussed in California—one for a one-cent increase making a total of three cents, and another for a two-cent increase making a total of four cents. Nor is this all. It is also proposed that the registration fee be increased from $3.00 to $5.00 on all cars, and that the extra weight fees on commercial vehicles be increased by two-thirds. The proposed increases on passenger-cars would amount to $7 in one case and $12 additional in another, depending on whether the gasoline tix increase is one or two cents. With a commercial vehicle of, say, 4000 pounds weight, the increase would be $18.66 if the tax is increased one cent per gallon, or $28.66 if the tax is increased two cents, and proportionately greater for heavier cars. These estimates are based on passenger-cars using an average of 500 gallons annually and on commercial cars using 1000 gallons. These are considered conservative figures.

Until recently the gasoline tax had never been **passed upon by** the people of any state. Always state legislatures have found it a relatively easy tax to impose and to collect. At the last election the people of Massachusetts had opportunity to register their opinion. A two-cent-per-gallon tax had been passed by the legislature. The motor-car dealers of Massachusetts thought that this addition to an already large list of taxes was too much, and they brought about a referendum. The people spoke, to the extent of defeating the tax entirely by 270,000 votes.

There is another very important point. It is the gross unfairness of singling out any one commodity to carry the load of taxation to produce revenues for the whole people. The varying proposals which have been made would place upon gasoline a tax of from 23 per cent to more than 30 per cent of the wholesale price of gasoline in San Francisco. Let any merchant ask himself how he would like to have such a burden thrown upon his own commodity. It would undoubtedly curtail consumption, for the higher the price of a commodity the lower the consumption, whether the commodity be shoes, clothing, food, or what-not.

There are still more considerations of importance to the public; but the opposition of this Company to ths proposed measures is based on the fundamental principle that it is wrong to tax a part of the people for the benefit of the whole, and grossly unjust to single out any commodity for a very heavy burden of taxation, and the Company intends to place the facts before the motoring public, many of whom are its patrons.

P. G. & E. TUNNEL IS NOW THROUGH HILL

The bore on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's big tunnel at the Pit No. 3 development sixty miles northeast of Redding, has been completed This tunnel which is 20,981 feet long and which in the rough is 23 feet in diameter will be completely timbered and cemented throughout, making a concrete tube 19 feet in diameter extending from Pit No. 3 diversion dam to the Power House site, located approximately five miles down the river. An enormous dam, 125 feet in height and approximately 400 feet wide will back up the waters of the Pit which will be diverted through this tunnel to the Power House, where it will drop down the mountain side for a distance of approximately 450 feet to the Power House where electric energy will be generated.

The tunnel which has been completed and which is a costly part of the project was started in August, 1923. Two hundred and fifty men have been employed in the digging of this tunnel, working in three eight-hour shifts. Adits were sunk into the mountain at convenient locations and the workmen were able to progress from six different points.

All estimates on the time and costs for construction of this tunnel have been lowered. The cost of the work up to Sept. 25th was $1,038,000.

To date there has been no concrete placed and the crews will be kept busy all winter lining the inside of the big tube. The estimated cost of the completed job is $3,500,000. Three compressed air shovels of special design were used in the work. It is estimated that fifty per cent of the work on the Power House has been completed. The entire job will be finished about July, 1925.

BELIEVE GOVERNOR WILL SUPPORT BAY ROAD

Belief that the support of Governor Richardson can be counted on in the fight of the eleven bay counties in behalf of the highway building program mapped by the state highway commission and recommended to the governor's committee of nine was expressed yesterday by George F. Morell, chairman of the Peninsula Chambers of Commerce, Federated, following an informal conference on the highway question participated in by Governor Richardson, Chairman Harvey M. Toy of the highway commission, T. P. Andrews, secretary of the San Francisco Down Town Association; Acting Mayor, Ralph McLeran of San Francisco and Morell, who as chairman of the peninsula federation represents the chambers of commerce of the following cities: San Francisco, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Burlingame, Three Cities (San Mateo, Hillsborough, Burlingame), Redwood City, Ravenswood, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mayfield, Mountain View, San Jose, Sunnyvale, San Carlos and La Honda.

"The governor did not commit himself on the highway question," Morell said, "but he stated that if the people of California want highways and can show how the money can be raised through legislation he will see that the roads are built; and inasmuch as the people are unmistakably desirous of having the highways, and the highway commission's plan makes special provision for the raising of the necessary money, it is only logical to expect the plan to receive the governor's endorsement."

"I have covered every inch of the peninsula and am conversant with the needs of that section for highway extension," Morell quotes the governor as saying. The state's chief executive, according to Morell, has traveled 55,000 miles over the state's roads in the interests of highway development.

"It was my impression," said Morell, "that the governor is viewing the highway question as a state rather than a sectional issue, and that any argument in behalf of the highway commission's program to be convincing to the governor will have to justify itself from the standpoint of the greatest good to the greatest number, and because I believe the highway commission's program fills these requirements I see added reasons for expecting the governor to approve the plan at the proper time."

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY YESTERDAY

About 2:30 yesterday afternoon a Chevrolet and an Overland collided on the highway near the pigeon farm. The Chevrolet bore the license number 1-031-258 and the Overland carried ilcense number 1-142-092 and the legal owners were Benson & Weaver of San Jose while the registered owner was P. H. Trainor.

It appears that the machine driven by the Japanese was approaching the intersection rapidly and the other machine came out of the cross street at a rapid rate with the result that they both came together.

The Japanese blamed the lady who was driving the Overland and she likewise blamed him. The Chevrolet was taken to Slinger's garage by a wrecking car and the Overland sustained a badly bent front axel. No one was hurt.

JAMES SCOLLIN, PIONEER RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

James Scollin, aged 76 and a resident of Menlo Park for many years, died Wednesday at the home of Mrs. R. O'Leary on the Portola road. Mr. Scollin was a native of Ohio, but came to Menlo in the early days and was employed by the late C. Maloney and afterwards by James S. Maloney.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Church of the Nativity and interment took place at Holy Cross cemetery here.

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Novel Features at Christmas Party

TUG OF WAR, BAND CONCERTS, DANCING AND AMUSEMENTS —FRIZES AWARDED

Palo Alto's third annual Christmas Party was a "decided success" according to Clark H. Congdon, president of the Merchant's Association under whose auspices the event was given. During the afternoon the rain came down in torrents but by 7:30 had relented and the crowds came out as if nothing had happened. Many local people joined the happy throng and inspected the attractive stores of our neighoboring city, planning what to buy for Christmas.

The Christmas spirit was awakened by the seasonable decorations and also the spirit of happiness that prevailed. Santa Claus patrolled the streets and in his usual way made every one happy with cheery greetings. The merchants outdid their former efforts in attractive window displays and a number of awards were made to the most successful.

The judges, composed of persons from the outside, made the following awards:

Most Original Window

First prize—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Second prize—Mendenhall Company.

Third prize—Walter G. Bernthal, University Avenue Store.

Most Artistic Window

First prize—Polly Ann Bakery.

Second prize — Economy Cash Store.

Third prize—Beran's Shoe Store.

Best Arranged Interior

First prize--Mendenhall Company.

Second prize—Congdon & Crome.

Third prize—Sunshine Store.

The winners are displaying ribbons, blue for first prize, red for second prize and white for third prize as a result of the contest.

The prizes were awarded those persons who judged closest to the results made by the outside judges. The winners were: Mrs. V. M. Tanner, 465 Hamilton avenue, first prize, a gold pen and pencil; Loretta Partidge, 328 Lytton avenue, $5 fountain pen; Howard E. Neikirk, 1557 Cowper street, $3 silver pencil.

Most of the special attractions planned for the party took place on time. There was no street dancing but a large crowd attended the dance held at the Community House where $41.25 was cleared to be devoted to a Christmas charity fund.

Several amusing stunts were staged by the committee and ridiculous prizes awarded to the winners. Ed Zwierlein was victor in the "kiddy car" race and received a black cat, Ray Smith came in second and J. H. Stubbe, third. The "hot dog" eating contest was won by John Springer and Harry Vandervoort, who divided honors.

Band concerts were given during the evening at various points and attracted large crowds. Stanford Band paraded University avenue and Hamilton avenue, playing at the Circle and at the corner of Waverly street and University avenue. The Naval Reserve Band entertained the people who inspected stores along Hamilton avenue.

A display of particular interest was found at the First National Bank where work performed by the disabled veteran's at the United States Veteran's Hospital was shown. Many classes of handwork are performed by the men ranging from shoe repairing to cabinet making. Fine examples of cement work, knitting, painting, basket making, hammered copper and wicker work attracted many people, as did McFarlane's kitchenette, which was invented by a veteran and is being manufactured by the men of the hospital. A number of Belgian hares in well made cages illustrated the activities open to those who work on the adjoining farm.

Order you Christmas Cards today. Mayfield News, Phone 268-J.

Teachers Institute at Redwood Mon.

COMPLETE PROGRAM — ADJOURN TO S. F.-OAKLAND FOR OTHER SESSIONS

Monday morning, December 15th, the San Mateo County school teachers will meet at the Sequoia Union High school in their annual institute and adjourn Monday afternoon to attend either two full or four-half day sessions of the California Teachers' Association, which will be in convention in San Francisco and Oakland on Dec. 16, 17, 18, 19.

The following program has been announced by Roy W. Cloud, county superintendent of schools for Monday's sessions:

9:15 a. m.—Musical selections, Sequoia Union High School orchestra, under the direction of C. E. Gaylord. Vocal number, high school Treble Cleff Club, under direction of Otis M. Carrington.

Symposium of problems of school teachers in San Mateo county. Leaders of discussion will be Guy J. Rooney, principal of the high school and junior high school of South San Francisco; Robert J. Hopkins, dean of San Mateo Junior College; Miss Anna Neff of Sequoia Union High school; Mrs. Gladys McLaughlin, Roosevelt school, Burlingame; John D. Gish, principal, Woodside school.

Election of officers, and two delegates to represent the San Mateo County Teachers' Association in the bay section of the California State Teachers' Association. Miss Maud R. Gilman of the San Mateo High school is president and B. E. Meyers of Sequoia Union High School is secretary of the county association at the present time. County members of the board of directors of the state association, whose terms have expired are R. N. Faulkner and Miss Natalie Hansen.

Luncheon will be served in the school cafeteria.

1:30 p. m.—Musical selections.

2 p. m.—Miss Florence Hale, commissioner of rural schools in the state of Maine, will give an address on "The Difference Between a School Teacher and a School Marm."

3 p. m.—Physical education demonstration, direction of Miss Irene Bradley, head of the physical education department of the Sequoia Union High school and rural school superintendent of physical training for the county.

4 p. m.—Adjournment.

General sessions of the California State Teachers' Association will be held each morning of the convention in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco. There will be sectional meetings of teachers of the various departments in Oakland each afternoon.

San Mateo county schools were closed yesterday afternoon and will not be reopened until January 5th.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HEARS TALK BY MRS. SOPER

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. W. Harbaugh as the hostess ably assisted by Mrs. Aabel and Mrs. M. Carter.

About twenty-five women were present and listened to an interesting talk by Mrs. E. A. Soper of Palo Alto on the work being doing by the Presbyterian Church among the Mormons, especially in Utah and Nevada. Mrs. Soper is an able speaker and gave the members many interesting facts about this phase of home mission work.

Following the program dainty refreshments were served at tables decorated in holiday colors.

MRS. GEORGE COOK VISITS HER SON, L. H. COOK, HERE

Mrs. George Cook, of New York, is in Menlo Park visiting her son, L. H. Cook, of the Safety Electric Works. Mrs. Cook is well pleased with this little town and her opinion is surely worth a great deal as she is quite a globe trotter, having been across the Atlantic to England some thirty or more times. She will stay in Menlo Park for some time.

The Walnut Growers association has erected a new packing house in Riverside at a cost of $10,000.

A sack of Jumbo Payne English walnuts was shipped to President Coolidge by E. A. Smith, president of the Contra Costa Walnut Growers association.

Estimates from Kern county show that 17,160 bales of cotton have been ginned this fall to date. Delano and Wasco each have turned out 3,250 bales. They still have an estimated crop of 1,100 bales unginned.

Cattlemen of Shasta county met at Redding to take up cooperative marketing with officials of the state cattlemen's association. It is held that 90 per cent of the stock in the state has been signed up to be marketed through the association.

A special survey made by the United States department of agriculture shows an estimate of 370,000 radio sets in use on farms of the country as compared with 145,000 a year ago. The survey was made among county agricultural agents.

Patent for a reversible plow, which it is thought will be of special value to small ranchers, truck growers and small orchardists, has been granted to W. E. Bechtelheimer, J. L. Ball and Robert Schneider, all of Reseda. It is understood that plans to manufacture the implement in wholesale lots will be begun at once.

Siskiyou and Modoc, California's northernmost counties, comprise one of the largest and most important wild game havens in America. Approximately 80,000 acres, just made available in the lower Klamath lake basin, are to be made into a wild bird refuge, increasing game protection possibilities in that region.

On display at San Fernando is a monster pumpkin which tips the scales at 160 pounds. This pumpkin and two others weigh in the neighborhood of 300 pounds. Among other interesting vegetables grown in the valley and on display, is a perfectly formed banana squash which measures thirty-six inches from top to tip.

The olive crop of the Fontana farmers, west of San Bernardino, was picked by a crew of forty harvesters. The crop is uniform and of unusually good size. Other fall harvesting continues. The peanut crop, one of the minor Fontana agricultural productions, is being picked, while work of harvesting sweet potatoes has been completed.

A new ice factory and packing plant has been completed at Owensmouth, which makes that town practically the center of the lettuce-packing industry in the San Fernando valley. It is expected that 125 cars will be sent out before the close of the season. Lettuce is being hauled there from points in the valley as far as San Fernando and Mission Acres.

The Lemoore chamber of commerce announces that a crop survey has been made of five townships about the town to find out what crops are grown, what varieties of fruit trees and vines bear at different seasons of the year, and what the various crops are bringing in the way of returns. The establishment of a cooperative poultry association is also under consideration.

The Southern California Fair association finished the year with $1,875 cash on hand. The figures include income and disbursements in connection with the fall fair, the spring rodeo, and the Fourth of July celebration held by the association. The total income including gate receipts and funds from the county and state, was $38,051.85. The total expense for the fair and other events was $37,994.79. Gate receipts were $13,118.60.

How to grow rice in the Sacramento valley is the subject of a new bulletin issued by the United States department of agriculture, based upon the investigations of the crop carried on near Biggs. It was as a result of investigations begun in 1909 that rice growing has become a commercial industry here. The high acre yields and large profits from the first commercial crop in 1912, which consisted of 1,400 acres, received much publicity and stimulated the industry with the result that rapid expansion followed.

The grape season just closed at Porterville was pronounced quite satisfactory. Emperors, Malagas and Thompson seedless grapes were placed on the market in fine shipping condition, prices were fair and the harvest larger, owing to increased yields from young vineyards. Railroads report that 398 cars were shipped from Porterville to all parts of the United States and many South American points. Rigid inspection kept up the quality of the pack, and damage from rains or frost was negligible.

According to official figures, the monetary returns from the grain crop of Tulare Lake bed, Kings county, for the present year was $867,781.18. While the tonnage was only one-sixteenth that of last year, the value was one-fifth, due to the increase in grain prices this year over last. The assertion was made that while Kings county did not lead the state in grain production this year as it did last, it has the state record this year for production per acre and high prices realized per sack. There was raised on the lake bed, this dry year, 133,744 sacks of wheat, 205,847 of barley, 35,000 of milo and 34,533 of alfalfa seed. Anticipating a wet winter, the big lake grain operators on the lake are preparing to put in another immense acreage.

The new Stanislaus county ordinance preventing tubercular cattle from entering the county became effective November 14. Some of the high points in this ordinance are: All dairy cattle, regardless of age, breed or sex are included in this ordinance. All bulls and all purebred female beef animals brought into the county for breeding purposes are included. Beef cattle brought into the country for stocker or feeder purposes are not included in this ordinance. Anyone contemplating bringing cattle into the county falling under classes No. 1 or 2 must make application to do so with the county livestock inspector. When the cattle arrive in the country a T. B. test certificate of the animals must be filed with the inspector.

At a meettng of grain growers from southeastern Los Angeles country a summary of three years of cereal variety testing was presented, showing that Defiance is probably the best wheat variety for coastal conditions. Several new barley varieties show promise and these include barley 1488 and 1511, Tennesee winter 2273, and for the late spring planting, mariout. The first three should be planted early in the fall as they are long season varieties. Fulghum oats are showing up well and a considerable quantity of this seed should be available after 1925. The testing of these varieties will continue for one or two more years. It is planned to keep the number of varieties to a minimum, however.

A big increase in alfalfa acreage in Imperial Valley is predicted for the coming year; fully 30,000 acres are to be added to the 106,000 acres now growing. Eighty-five thousand acres of barley are growing in the valley, 60 per cent of which is in the vicinity of Calipatria. Barley planted in October can be pastured off twice during the winter and still produce a good crop of hay or grain. During the water shortage a large acreage of alfalfa was allowed to go dry. This was later disced and seeded to barley. With the arrival of water early in October, this land was thoroughly irrigated and it now presents a fine mixed growth of the two crops, said to be excellent pasture.

Last year 4,500 cars of celery were shipped from California. This state supplies one-third of the celery grown in America, 90 per cent of which is produced in the delta west of Stockton. The great production of celery in California has taken that article from the luxury class and placed it on the every-day menus. The California delta farms of Stockton report that enough celery, 4,000 acres, has been raised in the delta peat lands west of that city to place a stalk on the table in every home in the United States both on Thanksgiving and on Christmas. In other words, 4,000 cars of celery or 48,000,000 stalks have been produced in the delta this year.

Truck farming is little practiced in Kings county, though it has probably as great a diversity of products in large quantities as any county in California. However, lettuce growing was tried on a considerable scale last year and was so successful that the Kings county farm bureau is advocating further planting, though cautioning farmers to first ascertain the quality of their soil for that vegetable, marketing conditions and ability to handle the crop. Local markets are supplied mainly by lettuce shipped in and there would be a large local demand as well as shipping demand for local lettuce.

Three thousand and eighty-five cows were tested during September by the Los Angeles county farm bureau cowtesting association, showing an increase of about 15 per cent over the cows tested in October, which numbered 4,018. The Los Angeles county association had grown to be the largest one in the country at the time it had to be discontinued due to the presence of foot and mouth disease in the county. It seems that it will be only a very short time until the association grows back to its former size.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

Petaluma has an industrial payroll of $2,160,500.

Oakland reports fire losses for October amounted to $224,445.

Daily City Catholics plan the erection of a new Catholic church.

The postoffice at Cook, San Benito county, has been renamed Pinnacles.

Etna Mills reports the death of the oldest resident, Mrs. Gazina Ficken.

Every policeman of Palo Alto is to be supplied with a German police dog.

A wild cat, the largest ever known on the coast, was killed near Navarro ridge.

The Costanza and Foley packing houses at Madera have been destroyed by fire.

Fire Chief Sydney Rose of Berkeley has been made a deputy state fire marshal.

Bridge work over the Merced river, between Merced and Snelling, has been completed.

Two midgets, with a combined height of less than six feet, were married at Modesto.

Invitations issued for the Christmas party to be given by the Dinuba Merchants' bureau, number 3,000.

The refinancing and reorganization of the Yuba county chamber of commerce was the object of a recent campaign.

A new building for the First National bank of Tehama county is to be erected at Red Bluff at a cost of $75,000.

An old-fashioned gun duel in the isolated town of Kernville, east of Bakersfield, resulted in the death of two miners.

"The meanest burglar," who took two rugs valued at $100 from the Immanuel Luthern church at Orange, is being hunted.

Owensmouth reports $1,131.41 collected in the Community Chest drive, nearly twice the quota named for that section.

During the season just closed, more than 3,500 automobile and 10,000 persons registered at the Eureka municipal motor park.

A fire which broke out in the Santa Fe Springs oil field near Los Angeles, resulted in the death of one man and a loss of $250,000.

A fire, cuasing $450,000 damage to the plant of the Los Angeles Pressed Brick company, threw nearly 500 employes out of work.

Son of the first white settler at Yerbe Buena, Stephen Richardson, claimed to be California's oldest native son, died recently.

A single nugget worth $20 and a quantity of fine gold was panned from the main street of Shasta, now part of a state highway.

Plans have been made for tent schools in California cotton fields. Children will be allowed to work in the fields after school hours.

Blasting out of hard rock at a cost of $12,000 for one mile and a half, is being done on the new Atlas Peak road being built by Napa county.

Pasadena police recently found the body of a man said to be the fourteenth to have either jumped or fallen from the high bridge over the Arroyo Seco.

Tied with Massachusetts, California stands twenty-first among the states in percentage of qualified voters who cast their ballot at the last election.

One of California's oldest clocks, said to have kept time accurately and struck all the hours for more than eighty years, is owned by Mrs. John Kuhn of Colusa.

E. D. Adams, Leland Stanford University professor, has been elected a delegate to the national American Historical association convention at Richmond, Va.

Fire swept an entire block in Los Angeles, destroying the Los Angeles Screen and California Hardwood Lumber companies, at a damage in excess of $200,000.

On the ninth green at the Placer County Country club, Judge J. B. Landis stopped long enough to perform California's first "golf wedding" at Auburn.

With the payment of $50,000 on November 29, a new high mark of $550,000 was reached at Modesto in the payment of the first installment of the county taxes.

Incorporation papers for "The Greater Los Angeles Corporation," an organization to finance firms in Los Angeles, have been filed with Secretary of State Jordan.

Following sentence on charges of robbery, burglary and grand larceny, A. R. Medford, former mayor of St. Joseph, Mich., was sent to San Quentin at his own request.

Unearthly sounds emanating from the hood of a police automobile at Sacramento when detectives sought to start it, led to the discovery of a cat clinging to the fan.

Wallace Alexander, San Francisco, has been elected to the Stanford board of trustees to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Selah Chamberlain of Woodside.

Early construction of units of the Tahoe-Ukiah state highway provided for in the third state bond issue, but not yet acted upon by Nevada and Yuba counties is being urged.

Ontario was the first city in the Pacific division of the American Red Cross, including California, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico and Nevada, to go "over the top" in this year's annual roll call campaign.

Oil field operations reported to State Oil and Gas Supervisor R. D. Bush for one single week recently, showed fourteen new wells started. Of the fourteen notices to drill, three were for wells in the Dominguez field, three in Torrance field, two in the Rosecrans field, one in the Montabello, one in Long Beach, one in Los Angeles county and three in the fields of Kern county. The total new wells this year is 1242, as compared with 1295 at the same date last year.

Inmates of the state institutions consumed more than 1,500 pounds of turkey at Thanksgiving day dinners, according to the state department of institutions. Turkey was on the bill of fare at all institutions with the exception of the state prisons where pork was served. Most of the institutions raised their own turkeys.

In California, the warden of Folsom, the warden of San Quentin, the president of the state board of prison directors, the state warrant registrar, the state inheritance tax attorney, the secretary of the state board of control and 562 public school teachers all answer to the name of Smith.

L. E. Ross, director of the state bureau of vital statistics, says the Japanese birth rate in California is falling off. Only 4,141 Niponese babies have arrived in the first eight months of the present year. The total of 1924 will not exceed 4,800, it is estimated, which is the lowest figure since 1919.

A waltz between Aunt Polly Reynolds, 100 years old, of Healdsburg, and James Wallace, 101 years old, of Santa Rosa, is planned as part of the Christmas entertainment of a club at Santa Rosa, no member of which is under 70.

Because he resembled "Happy Jack," sought in connection with alleged sale of contraband liquor, "Happy Jack" McManus was held for six days in the Sutter county jail before the error was discovered.

Having saved his patient's life after a suicide attempt, a Sacramento doctor transferred J. W. Milburn from hospital to city prison, where he faces the doctor's charge of attempting to kill his own wife.

Because so many recognized authors have "lifted" parts of "Mother Goose" for use in their writings, it is now said to have had more influence on the English-speaking world than any other book in existence except the Bible.

Continued use of the radio for broadcasting lectures and lessons given by expert tecahers for the benefit of country schools is recommended by the state commissioner of elementary schools.

Because a justice of the peace must live in the town in which he holds office, John Scribner, justice of the peace of Knox township in Napa county, lost his office when he moved to Napa.

An old structure in San Jose which has served successively as the First Methodist church, Elks clubrooms, Empire theatre and Moose clubrooms, is to make way for a new $75,000 office building.

While one confederate acted as lookout and a second covered the lobby with a gun, a bandit helped himself to $8,000 from the box office at the Los Angeles Friday Morning club house.

Construction work on San Francisco's new War Memorial, to consist of an opera house and a combined art museum and American Legion center, will begin next spring.

Carcasses of twenty-five whales in the reduction plant of the California Sea Products company at Moss Landing, near Salinas, burned along with the fertilizer plant; loss $10,000.

Frank J. Smith, to be the new warden of San Quentin the first of the year, will be initiated into his position with three hangings to occur in the first sixteen days.

Slapping her clothing until the flames were put out, a youth of fifteen, who refused to give his name to firemen, saved the life of Mrs. Belle Spitzenberg of Oakland.

San Francisco society women acted at hotel clerks and waitresses, while debutants served as "bell-boys" at a Santa Rosa hotel recently, to raise funds for the Red Cross.

The two occupants of the motorship Verilius Unitis barely escaped death when the boat burst into flames off the Santa Barbara coast, as a result of engine trouble.

Professor G. N. Lewis, dean of the college of chemistry at the University of California, has been selected a member of the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

Defying the efforts of firemen for four hours, fire destroyed the cabinet plant of the Rees-Boorman Manufacturing company in Oakland; loss over $35,000.

The entire front of a San Francisco art shop was shattered when a delivery truck, whose driver had become ill at the wheel, crashed into the store.

Believed to be the oldest living violator of the Wright act, Mrs. Serapia Nuncia, 102 years old, was found guilty of possessing intoxicating liquors.

All chambers of commerce in California have been called upon to join in the great drive for greater patronage of the air mail service.

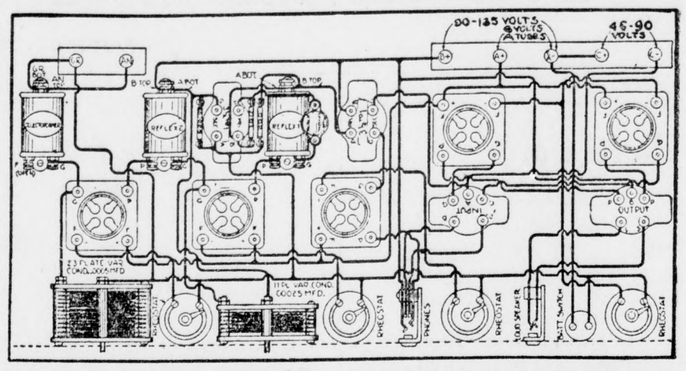
A bee sting in his throat which resulted in swelling and then strangulation, caused the death of Rufus Edwards, 18, of Santa Ana.

On the last day for the payment of the first installment of 1924-25 taxes, $3,000,000 was paid into the San Francisco treasury.

Two rare gold coins, both older than this state, were paid into the San Francisco treasury during recent tax collections.

RADIO

(Edited by G. Douglas Wardrop, Editor of Radio Merchandising.)



Erla Superflex, With Its Five Tubes and "Push-Pull" Audio Amplification, Is One of the Most Powerful Sets That the Amateur Can Construct.

The reflex type of receiver is daily gaining in favor with all classes of listeners. The user of a reflex circuit is enthusiastic on account of the beautiful tone quality and absence of distortion. The next door neighbor is in favor of the reflex due to the fact that it does not cause squeals and howls in his set.

The regenerative type of receiver, when improperly operated, causes no end of interference with every set in the neighborhood. Regenerative sets, and even radio frequency receivers, when operated in an oscillating state, not only interfere with surrounding sets but reproduce music and speech in such a way that it is extremely trying to listen to. The program becomes distorted and muffled for the owner of the set and all of the neighbors who are trying to listen to the same station.

The output of many regenerative sets is far from satisfactory even when properly operated, due to the distortion that takes place in the audio frequency transformers. The use of high ratio transformers introduces a great deal of noise and cracking and the speaker's voice seems harsh and unnatural.

In the reflex type of receiver the crystal is used to change the current from radio to audio frequency. Up to the present time no rectifier of current has been found that can equal the crystal for clearness and faithfulness of reproduction. This accounts for a great deal of the quality of the reflex receiver.. The crystal further prevents any feedback of oscillation to the aerial that might cause interference with nearby sets.

Receiver That Has Power.

The Erla duo-reflex circuit with a stage of push-pull amplification makes a reflex receiver that has sufficient volume and power to bring in the most distant stations on a loud speaker, and selective enough to cut through powerful local stations. The receiver has but two controls, one for wave length and the other for volume. This makes it easier to handle than sets having three tuning dials to adjust. The circuit can be logged.

The 23-plate variable condenser for tuning is placed across the selectoformer, the fixed coupler that replaces the usual variocoupler or variometer in other circuits. In this way the troublesome taps and switch levers and the extra control dial are eliminated. The apparatus you will need to construct the circuit is as follows:

2 audio frequency transformers, 3½ to 1 ratio.
1 Erla input push-pull transformer.
1 Erla output push-pull transformer.
1 selectoformer.
1 No. 1 reflex transformer.
1 No. 2 reflex transformer.
1 fixed crystal.
1 .00025 mfd. variable condenser.
1 .0005 variable condenser.
1 .001 mfd., 1 .002 mfd., and 1 .00025 mfd. fixed mica condensers.
5 sockets, 2 bakelite binding post strips, filament battery cutoff switch, 1 single and 1 double circuit jacks, four rheostats each of 25 ohms resistance if UV201-A or C301-A tubes are to be used; panel, base-board, screws and wire complete the requirements.

From 90 to 135 volts of B battery will be required, and a C battery of from 4½ to 9 volts. The storage battery and loud speaker complete the list of parts for the circuit.

How Apparatus Is Mounted.

Mount the apparatus as shown in the diagram. Place the condensers, rheostats, jacks and switch on the front panel. The two binding post strips should be mounted at the rear of the baseboard so that holes can be drilled through the rear of the cabinet for the battery wires.

Place the first three sockets in line with the panel in about the middle of the baseboard. Place the selectoformer and the two radio frequency transformers in line to the left and just behind the sockets. Make all connections as short and direct as possible. In making connections to the fixed condensers you should use small machine screws and nuts to avoid changing the capacity by the heat of the soldering iron.

The crystal detector attaches directly to the binding post of the first radio frequency transformer.

Experiment with the value of the fixed condenser placed across the secondary of the first audio frequency transformer. Try values from .0001 to .00025 mfd. Leave the condenser that works best in the circuit and no further changes need to be made.

Storage "B" Battery That Can Be Recharged

The larger radio sets, using from three to eight tubes, have become increasingly popular, due to their wide range, power and receiving qualities. When a number of tubes are used the drain on the "B" batteries becomes proportionately greater. For this reason the storage type of "B" batteries which can be recharged are now widely used, due to their economy and steady, dependable operation. The home type tungar battery chargers, which are so popular for charging "A" batteries, can be adapted for charging storage "B" batteries by means of a simple device, the "B" battery attachment.

This attachment is hung on the side of tungar and the short lead is clipped to the line tap in the five-ampere tungar, or the soldered joint on the right of the transformer in the two-ampere charger. The long lead from the attachment is connected to the positive terminal of the "B" battery and the negative tungar lead goes to the negative terminal of the battery. The positive tungar lead is not used and should be kept apart from the battery while charging. A 24-volt battery may be charged to 0.2 ampere and a 48-volt battery may be charged 0.1 ampere.

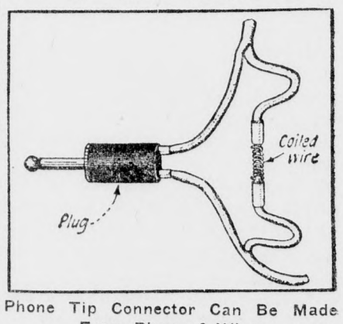
Higher voltage batteries can be charged by using additional attachments. For instance, a 96-volt battery should be divided in half and the two negative terminals connected to the negative tungar lead. Two attachments are used, the short leads being both connected to the tungar as before and one long lead going to each positive battery terminal. Thus the two sections of the battery are charged in parallel.

The operation of the "B" battery attachment can be easily understood. When charging a six-volt "A" battery connections are made to the positive and negative tungar leads. The current is supplied by the left-hand coil on the auto transformer, which is the low voltage side. In the case of the "B" battery, connections are made so that current is supplied by the right-hand coil, which furnishes sufficiently high voltage to take care of the higher voltage battery. The "B" battery attachment is merely a resistance coil, which limits the charging current to the proper value.

An overnight charge once in two or three weeks will, in general, be sufficient to keep the "B" batteries in good condition. The length of charge and further details may be obtained from the battery manufacturers' instructions.—New York Herald-Tribune.

Piece of Wire Works as Good Phone Connector

Here is a little stunt which will prove very handy when two or more pairs of phones are to be connected in series and no connecting units for this purpose are handy. All that is required is a short piece of No. 20 or 18 bare copper wire. This piece of wire



Phone Tip Connector Can Be Made From Piece of Wire.

is tightly wound around one of the cord tips or any rod of the same size to a length of about one inch. If more than two pairs of phones are to be connected in series two or more of the simple connectors will be required. The method of using is very simple, the phone cord tips of the separate pairs of phones being inserted in each end of the connectors. The accompanying diagram shows very plainly how this little device is employed. It will be found that a good tight connection is obtained which will hold indefinitely.

Non-Corrosive Flux

Celluloid dissolved in acetone makes a very good binder for radio work. It should be used in place of shellac, collodion, etc. Rosin dissolved in rubbing alcohol, with a couple of drops of glycerin, makes an absolutely non-corrosive flux.

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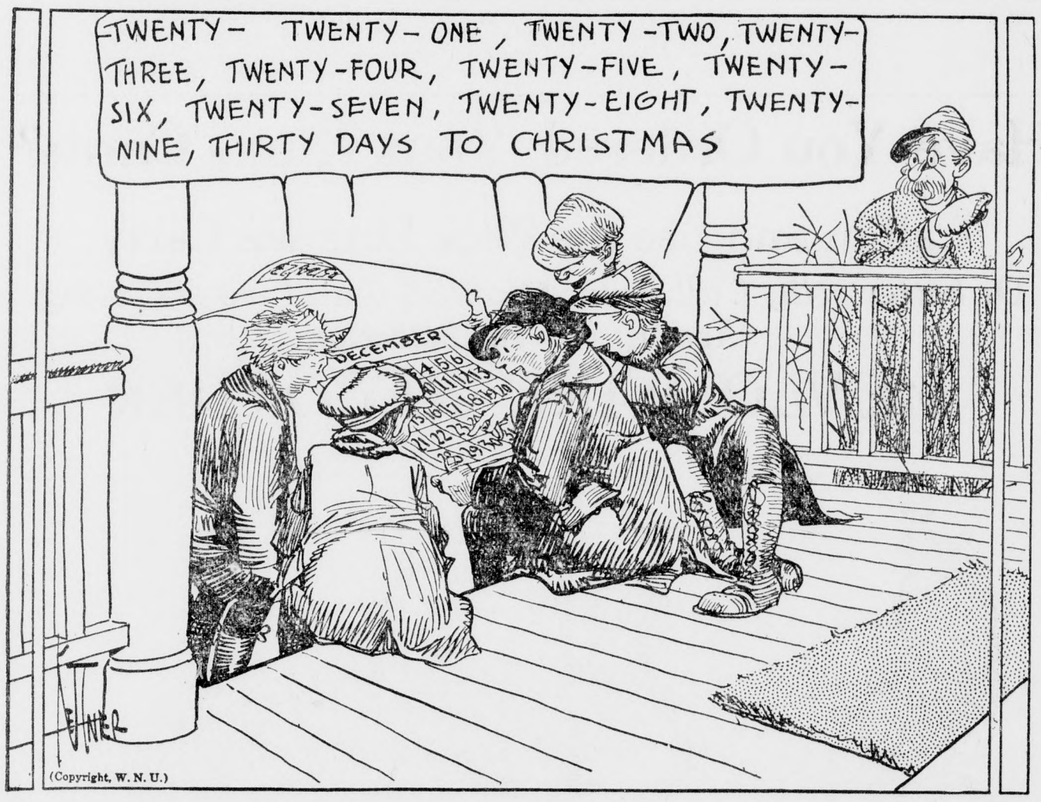

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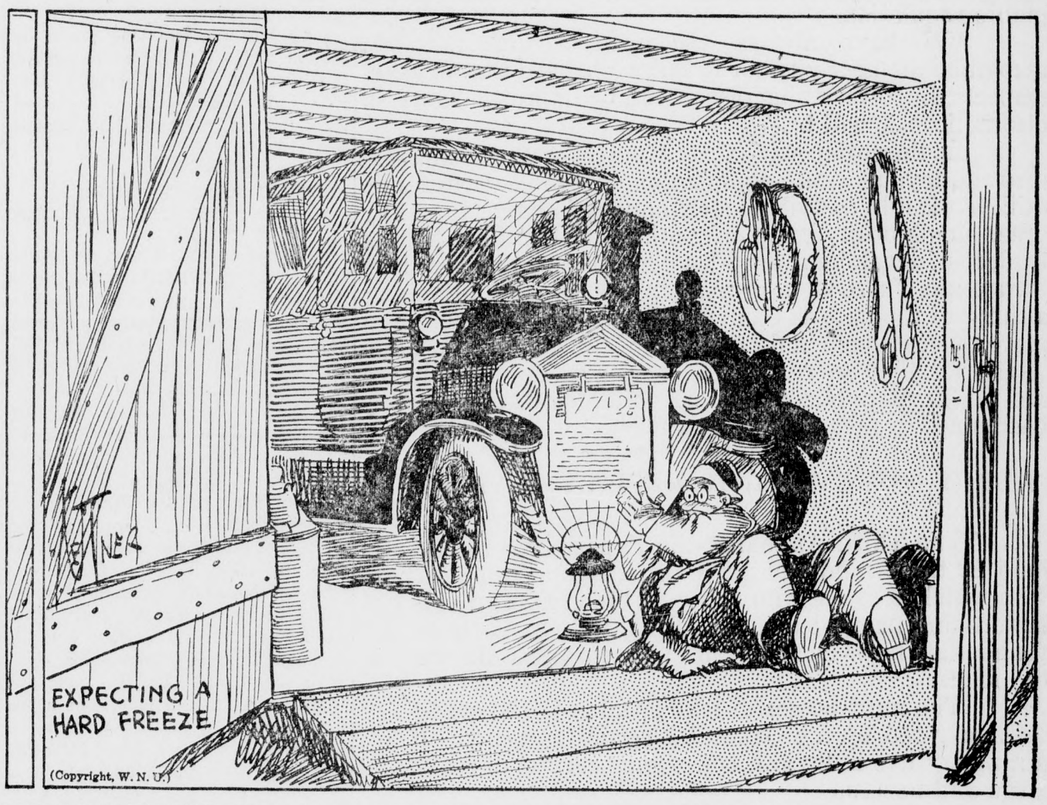

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Horrors!

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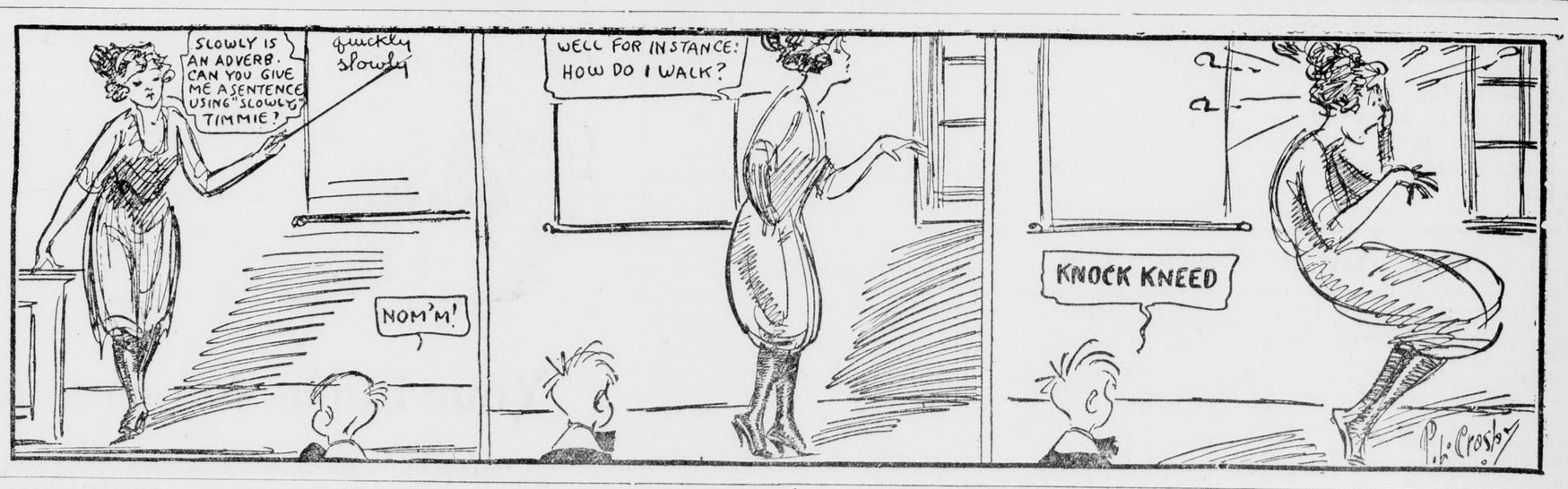

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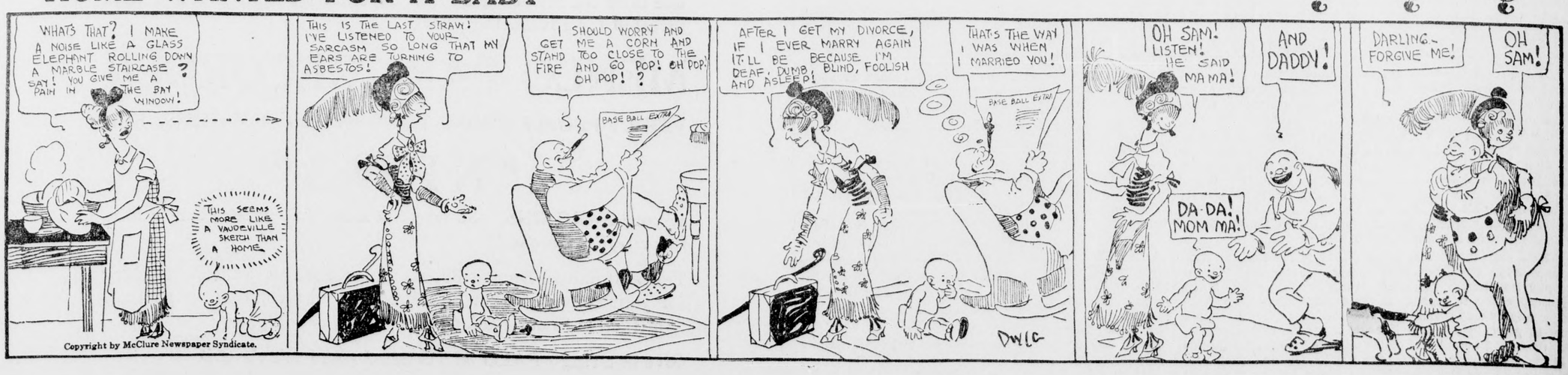

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A PUBLICLY OWNED INSTITUTION

What is real public ownership? The public utility companies of the United States—electric light and power, gas, telephone and street railway—have answered the question. Walter S. Gifford, Executive Vice President, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in an address entitled "A Publicly Owned Institution," explains briefly and clearly what public ownership of an industry is as compared with government, state or municipal ownership which can be more rightly termed "political ownership." He says:

"The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has about 340,000 stockholders. Some of our associated companies have over 200,000 preferred stockholders. In addition, there are many hundreds of millions of bonds and debentures owned by several hundred thousand individuals and corporations. Our business is one which you may say is publicly owned.

"Business has changed a good deal in the last 20 or 30 years. The ownership has greatly widened. Nobody owns as much as one per cent of the capital stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. It is not controlled or owned by a small group of wealthy people. It is owned throughout the United States by 340,000 stockholders.

"It is an institution, an American institution, grown up under American laws, plans and ideals, which is really publicly owned, engaged in rendering a public service to the entire country without competition, under public regulation.

"We have always welcomed regulation. We recognize the necessity for it, but we believe that in some respects, like everything else, it can be improved; and we also believe it will be."

In this brief statement, Mr. Gifford has summarized the layout and organization of the modern public utility. While the telephone company is larger than any other single utility company i nthe world and has been a leader in developing the idea of customer and employe ownership, "one-man ownership" is rapidly becoming a thing of the past as their stocks are absorbed more and more by customers and employes of the companies in the territories they serve. Thus, by a process of evolution are the great public service corporations of this country becoming, in fact, publicly owned.

RADIO IMPROVEMENTS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED

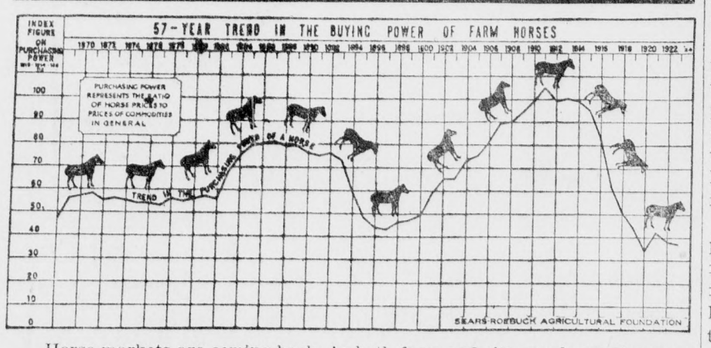
The Third Annual Radio Exposition was recently held in the Grand Central Palace, New York. Those who watched to see who collected the greatest number of advertising pamphlets and asked the most questions found that boys from ten to eighteen years old were in the lead.

The most powerful loud speaker in the world was demonstrated by the General Electric Company. It has a range of five miles and is designed for use in parks and large auditoriums.

Radio and the loud speaker are going to make it possible for the student and thinker to compete for political honors with the leather-lunged orator of the past who had all the advantage in reaching the public ear through the spoken word.

With unified systems and high powered broadcasting the public will receive increasing service from radio.

Horse Markets Coming Back



Horse markets are coming back. As both farm and city are demanding more and better horses, better prices may ultimately result, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation based on a study of the trend in the buying power of farm horses during the past 57 years.

Low prices probably will continue to discourage horse and mule production and cause a falling off in the equine population until average prices return, the Foundation believes. But already horse breeding operations have begun to expand in the districts possessing the kind of foundation stock capable of producing the sort of horses the market wants. Attractive prices are now being paid for all good, big sound shapely drafters coming to market and good horses of the wagon type weighing 1,400 to 1,600 pounds. Prices have advanced from the extreme depression of two years ago.

How soon the turning point will be reached on the rank and file of horses is uncertain. Previous cycles of horse and mule prices as shown by the accompanying chart have varied greatly in length. The first lasted eleven years from depression to depression, the second eighteen years and the present cycle is already twenty-seven years. It seems logical to believe that an upward turn in prices which will last for a decade or longer will start before long and that good horses and mules produced from matings in the next few years will get the benefit of that advance by the time they reach marketable age. Good horses are the exception on farms today. It is unthinkable that good farmers will be content with plugs for long.

PRACTICE COMMENCES FOR CARD'S NEW YEAR GAME

By Don E. Liebendorfer

"Pop" Warner's Cardinal football eleven resumed practice here this week for the Stanford-Notre Dame game which is to be played in the Pasadena Rose Bowl New Year's Day. Every regular with the exception of "Chuck" Johnston, who will report later in the week, was out in uniform.

The "Hospital Brigade" headed by Ernie Nevers, was out en masse. Ernie himself, was unable to take on any hard work but the doctors expect him to be in A1 shape some time within the next two weeks. Nevers has only played in two games this season and his presence will add a great deal to the Cardinal strength, especially on the defense. Captain Lawson, who hurt his shoulder in the first quarter of the Big Game, was back in his old place at end and looks to be in good shape.

Bill Neill's knee seems to be as strong as ever and he was running signals at his guard position in old time form. Art Thomas' knee has not mended so rapidly, however, and the big end has only a slight chance to see action against Knute Rockne's boys.

Norman Cleaveland, star halfback who was disqualified two days before the Big Game, will not appear against Notre Dame, according to an announcement by Physical Director, Dr. W. H. Barrow. The ruling is based on a Pacific Coast Conference regulation which says that a man playing on a conference team must be eligible according to conference regulations whether or not his team's opponent is a member.

Either Jim Kelly, who started the Stanford-California game at left half, or Ed Walker, who went in during the fourth quarter, will probably take Cleaveland's place. Kelly played a wonderful game on the defense ad it was two long passes by Walker which tied the count against the Bears, so it is probable that "Pop" Warner will send both of these men in, at some time, against the Irish.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK DIRECTORS CHOSEN

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act as amended. preferential ballots of member banks in Group Three, having a capital and surplus of less than $125,000, duly cast by their authorized officers, have been canvassed, and Mr. Howard Whipple, President, First National Bank of Turlock, California, has been elected a Class A Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for a term of three years beginning January 1, 1925, to succeed M. A. Buchan, of Palo Alto, California, who was ineligible for re-election by banks in Group Three by virtue of having become an officer and director of a Group Two Bank.

In accordance with the same authority, preferential ballots of member banks in Group Two, having a capital of not less than $125,000 nor more than $599,000, duly cast by their authorized officers, have been canvassed, and Wm. T. Sesnon, Agriculturist, Soquel, California, has been re-elected a Class B. Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for a term of three years beginning January 1, 1925.

MAYFIELD GIRL PRIZE WINNER IN ELECTRICAL CONTEST

First county prize of $75 in the recent Home Lighting Contest has been awarded to a Mayfield girl according to a letter received by H. S. Henley, president of the Mayfield Chamber of Commerce. The communication did not give the name of the young lady and contained only the statement that the first district prize came here. When is is considered that this district comprises the counties of Santa Clara and San Mateo, it is no small honor to win first place.

Winning of the first district prize puts the young lady in the running for one of the state prizes which run from $50 to $500, and even gives her a chance to compete for one of the international prizes.

Mr. Henley stated that arrangements would be made for a public presentation of the prize at the Mayfield Grammar school in the near future.

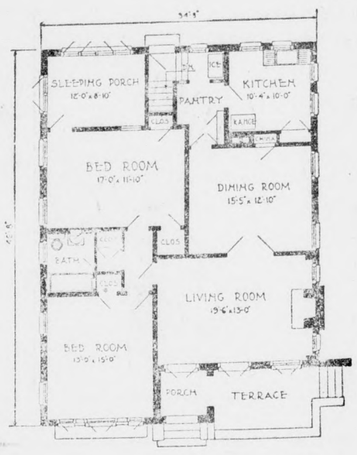
MENDENHALL COMPANY SECURES BIG CONTRACT

Mendenhall Company of Palo Alto, in competative bidding against San Francisco and Los Angeles, has secured the contract to furnish all of the linen for the new Cardinal Hotel which will be opened on Saturday evening.

The Cardinal Hotel is Palo Alto's new hotel and is one of the finest hotels on this coast.

THE PIEDMONT

A Charming Spanish Bungalow.



This unusual little home might seemingly have been transplanted from some warm hillside of old Spain. The open terrace which in warm weather might be covered with a brilliantly striped awning, the balconied windows with the iron rail, the high windows, all lend an air of crispness and beauty to the house.

Concrete block covered with portland cement stucco alone would be suitable for the construction of this type of house. Coloring pigments or colored aggregates added to the stucco mix would assist to enhance the beauty of the design. The patches of roof which are revealed should be of bright concrete tile, not only for the appearance but for the substantialness which such material would add to the permanency and have a bearing upon the remainder of the house.

The lessened rates of insurance, the absence of painting and repair bills, and the continued beauty and durability of this type of house would give the owner double satisfaction, first through the pride such a house would give him, and second through the knowledge that he has builded well and added something to the beauty and value of his community.

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The Flapper and Her Father

Drinking, Smoking and Petting Parties Lead an Anxious Parent to Ask: "Can I Trust My Daughter"

THE flapper pursuing her quest for freedom too far has led at least one father to ask for guidance in protecting her from herself.

"How," he asks, "can a girl remember her home training when the young men she meets take her into an atmosphere of raw gin, cigarettes, the close contacts of the modern dance, midnight motor rides and so-called 'petting parties?'"

This well-to-do business man, shocked by the sudden discovery of the social dangers surrounding his daughter, has written for January SMART SET an outspoken article telling the actual perils he sees his carefully-trained girl passing through. "Can I trust my daughter to trust herself," he asks, and adds that "I don't doubt that millions of fathers all over the country are asking themselves the same thing without daring to put the question in words."

One of the occurrences that alarmed him is thus described:

"The young crowd, daughters and sons of neighbors, all nice enough people, were gathered at the house for an impromptu dance. Our girl went into the kitchen and made a large pitcher of what we supposed was orangeade. Without the least thought of spying on them in any way, but solely because it was a hot evening and I was thirsty, I took a glass of the stuff myself while the children were dancing.

"It had a kick like a mule—I learned afterwards that nearly a quart of gin had gone into it—and the young fellow whom I asked about it, the son of one of my best friends, admitted with a laugh that the contents of all the boys' flasks had gone into it, 'To put some pep in the evening.'

"My wife had a talk with our daughter about that, and the girl admitted in tears that she had had only one glass of the mixture herself, but that if we made a fuss about it the crowd wouldn't come to the house any more, but would go to the houses of other girls whose parents were less strict.

"What are we to do?" the father questions, and answers:

"I am at a loss to know. Prohibition, of any sort, would be worse than useless. I can't cut her off from her friends, and whatever I may forbid in my own house they are certain to do somewhere else, if they wish.

"The other day I put my arm about my daughter's shoulder and said, 'You know, dear girl, it would kill me to see any harm come to you.' And in reply to that, she asked, 'Why, Dad, can't you trust me?'

"I've been asking myself that question ever since. 'Can I trust her?' Not her honesty, not her fineness, but her strength under the abnormal conditions which surround her. In other words, can she trust herself? Can any girl of sixteen, who tries to extract an evening's thrill from playing with the profoundest emotions of human existence?"

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STARTING SUNDAY, RUDOLPH VALENTINO in "THE SAINTED DEVIL."

The Stanford THEATER
IDEAL VENTILATION
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RICHARD BARTHELMESS
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A thrilling yarn of love and adventure, the first screen drama ever filmed at WEST POINT.
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starring RICHARD DIX, the latest of Paramount's "Famous Forty" adapted from the Saturday Evsning Post story "Contraband."
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Gift of the Fairies Is Offered to All

The man who is continually wrapped up in himself makes a rather small parcel. I is a capital letter, but only a small word in the story of mankind, the Washington Post comments.

Some people seem to possess the Peter Pan quality of never growing old. A man like Chauncey Depew remains youthful in heart and outlook even though he has seen ninety summers or more.

This magic is a gift of the fairies to all who keep in touch with the Angel of Hope, an angel whose favorite haunt is with little folk the world over.

Imagination, the mother of sympathy, is most conspicuous in childhood, but it remains potent and plastic, as long as we give it even half a chance. What are the nursery rhymes but verses which have been adapted and molded by the fancies of the wee folk, when the bigger folk found other matters of greater interest?

Year after year our English nursery stories appear in new editions, popular throughout the centuries by reason of their irresistible appeal to the child mind.

These old-world stories are a child's birthright—the heirlooms of humanity—and many a grown-up retains a lingering affection for those friends of the days of yore.

Childishness and childlikeness are as different as the North and the South pole. The good points in childhood are not to be despised by any man unless he wants to grow old before his time. The sense of wonder, the craving to know more, the sheer joy in being alive, the nimble fancy—such traits as these are good enough for anyone. They will help us to take life as it comes, in a good-natured way.

One gift of the fairies may be ours—the spirit of youth, the desire for more light. This is the mystic gift which the fairies bestow upon all who stoop to conquer.

Taught to Use Lungs

While performing in an Isle of Man hospital, Griff, the "Bubble King," noticed that the nurses were having difficulty in teaching a boy to breathe properly. He went across to the cot and taught the child to blow bubbles. The doctor observed the effect of the "treatment," and ordered that the boy should blow bubbles every day. He did so, and his lungs are now fully developed.

Odd Epitaphs Seen in Old Graveyards

In accordance with his wishes the grave of Henry Long in Massachusetts is marked by a stone on which is inscribed, "Henry Long. I still live." A hard-headed, matter-of-fact friend who questioned this statement left directions that his monument be inscribed with this: "James Maguire, dead, and I owns up to it."

On the stone marking the spot where reposes all that is mortal of Doctor Walker, author of "Walker's British Particles," is inscribed, "Here lies Walker's Particles." A similar punning effect is exhibited by the epitaph of one Doctor Fuller, "Fuller's earth." Equally brief and withal touched by a bit of grim humor is the inscription over the grave of Thomas Maginnis, "Finis, Maginnis."

Bill Nye, the humorist, once ran across a monument on which this inscription was neatly lettered: "Here we have a widow bereft; Richard on the right and Tom on the left." He suggested that the couplet might have been improved by the addition of the following: "And if she had outlived a couple of more she could have had one behind and another before."

One cannot be quite certain what the bereaved husband had in mind when he composed this epitaph for his departed spouse: "This dear little spot is the joy of my life—it raises my flowers and covers my wife." Somewhat more pointed is this posthumous gibe: "Here lies in silent clay Miss Arabella Young, who on the 21st of May began to hold her tongue."

On a stone under which sleeps Jonathan Oakes is this terse, matter-of-fact inscription: "Here lies the body of Jonathan Oakes, who lived and died like other folks." The son of a deceased tavern keeper brought down two birds with one stone when he set the stone over his parent's grave and had cut into it these lines: "Beneath this stone in hope of Zion is laid the landlord of the Lion. Resigned unto the heavenly will his son keeps on the business still."—Kansas City Star.

J. P. Ahlert underwent a serious opration at St. Luke's hospital in San Francisco Thursday morning. Mrs. Ahlert and the children went up to spend the day with him Wednesday.

Order you Christmas Cards today.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED HOLDS MEETING

The Chambers of Commerce, known as Santa Clara County Consolidated, met in their regular monthly business meeting at Randall's in Mountain View last Tuesday and many matters in interest to the entire county were taken up.

After some discussion it was resolved that the body would ask the Supervisors to join with the Supervisors of San Mateo county and build a new bridge over the San Francisquito Creek at the end of University avenue in Palo Alto.

The matter of a county Farm Bureau was also taken up and discussed at some length.

Santa Clara County Consolidated embraces representatives from all Chambers of Commerce in the county and a 100 per cent attendance was recorded.

SHOP EARLY, MAIL EARLY URGED BY POSTMASTER

The Shop Early, Mail Early campaign inaugurated by Postmaster General New last year proved to be an unqualified success. It was of great benefit to the people and also enabled post office employees to deliver all the Christmas mail before noon on December 25th. The Department again this year asks the hearty cooperation of the public in order that the record made last year may be equalled, if not excelled.

When you shop early and mail early you are helping the clerks in the postoffice to eat their dinners home and you are greatly benefiting yourselves. You have a greater chance to secure better selection of gifts from the stores, you have more time to wrap them securely and you are sure that they will arrive at their destination in time to be opened Christmas morning. You are also relieving the burdens on the clerks behind the counters in the stores, and you are giving a practical demonstration of the good will that Christmas time signifies. Acting Postmaster General, John H. Bartlett requests that you refrain from sending small envelopes in sending your Christmas cards as this very greatly retards the sorting and distribution of the mails. Let all of us pull together this year, do our shopping early and do our mailing early, let's make it a genuine old-fashioned Christmas celebration.

ANOTHER BIG CARD PARTY FOR ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

Friday evening, December 12th, another card party will be held in Peacock's Hall for the benefit of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Mrs. N. Moore is in charge of the affair and has obtained thirty prizes to go to the high scorers in the whist game.

This will be the third of a series of bi-monthly parties and from the enthusiasm shown, this party will be as sucessful as the two previous ones. Price of admission is 25c and a live turkey will be given as the door prize. Playing begins at 8:30 sharp.

FORD FORDOOR SEDAN PRICE REDUCED $25

A cur of $25 in the price of the Ford Sedan, the most popular of the Ford enclosed cars, was announced by the Ford motor Company last week. The same announcement carried substantial reductions on all of the other Ford cars. The new prices became effective Tuesday, December 2nd.

The new list prices on Ford cars F. O. B. Detroit are as follows:

Fordor Sedan, $660; Tudor Sedan, $580; Coupe, $520; Touring Car, $290; Runabout, $260; Ford Chassis, $225; Ford 1-ton Truck Chassis, $365.

The many friends of the Jay T. Cooper's will be delighted to know that their two little daughters, Lily and Emma May, have recovered from their recent illness and are able to be out again.

Get the habit. Support our home-town merchants.

SINNERS *in* HEAVEN

By CLIVE ARDEN

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"I HATE YOU!"

SYNOPSIS.—Living in the small English village of Darbury, old-fashioned and sedate place, Barbara Stockley, daughter of a widowed mother, is soon to celebrate her marriage to Hugh Rochdale, rich and well connected. Barbara is adventurous, and has planned, with an aunt, an airplane trip to Australia. Major Alan Croft, famous as an aviator, is to be the pilot. At her first meeting with Croft Barbara is attracted by his manner and conversation, different from the cut-and-dried conventions of her small town. They set out, Barbara, her aunt, Croft, and a mechanician. Word in a few days comes to Darbury that the plane is missing and its occupants believed lost. Croft and Barbara, after the wreck of the airplane in a furious storm, reach an apparently uninhabited island in the Pacific ocean. The other two members of the party had perished. The two castaways build a shelter. In Croft's absence Barbara is attacked by a black man, evidently a savage. Croft rescues her. Croft discovers a party of blacks, evidently reconnoitering, but they leave without attempting to harm the pair. Croft fixes up an electrical guard to scare off attacking natives.

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Quietly, as if explaining the mechanism of a watch, he explained how it worked.

"I will load it, and fix it ready for use," he concluded.

And the girl who, in England, had shrunk from all firearms, took the little weapon from him eagerly, welcoming it as a valued friend bringing, possibly, the greatest succor of all. . . .

As they sat in the dark hut, upon their upturned suitcases, near the window aperture, the strain upon Barbara's nerves became almost unbearable. With every minute her faith in the electric ruse, never strong, grew weaker; until it ebbed away, leaving only a ghastly death, or worse, creeping nearer with the rising of every star. . . . She faced the moment when, her companion slain, she would seize the revolver, turn the dark muzzle to her fluttering heart, place her finger on the trigger. . . . She clasped and unclasped her clammy hands, sitting upright; then crouching back against the bamboo. . . . Only fear of disgrace in her companion's opinion restrained her wild impulse to rise and flee somewhere—anywhere—to escape this fearful ordeal. Had Croft touched her or spoken, her control would have snapped altogether. But he sat perfectly still, his gaze fixed upon the dark slope down which their enemies would come, his mind apparently oblivious to all else.

As she watched him, her fevered brain seemed gradually to grow calm, her faith in his confidence and ingenuity to strengthen. . . . The strain relaxed. Hope struggled feebly within her heart. She no longer felt the wild desire to scream or to escape. Her clenched hands parted, and she sat back with a sigh.

Those who, from lack of imagination and its sense of fear, face a terrible ordeal with gallantry, are justly called brave; but those who, tortured by these possessions, foreseeing all with shrinking dread, yet meet it with no outward flinch, deserve the laurels of heroism. Some such thoughts flitted through Croft's mind, as he sat waiting, fully conscious of the suffering silently endured by his companion. When she relaxed against his shoulder, he drew a breath of relief. . . .

What seemed like hours passed in the silence and darkness. Then Barbara suddenly raised her head.

"Have I been asleep?" she whispered, in astonishment.

He turned to answer, whipping suddenly back to the aperture, and craning forward. A sound had reached his intent ears—the faint distant crepitation of snapping twigs.

Now that the dreaded moment had arrived, Barbara was conscious of an utter lack of agitation. Save that her fingers closed upon his arm, she gave no sign: her eyes followed his, peering into the starlit dusk without.

For several minutes nothing more was heard. The girl was beginning to think it had been a false alarm, when all at once a slight rubbing noise reached them, as of something wriggling over rough ground. At the same instant a dark form was dimly discernible flitting, shadow-like, from a distant tree to the shelter of a large rock, there falling to the earth. Presently, from behind this rock, issued a little, snaky, black stream—three or four bodies waddling along on their fronts, their outline faintly distinguishable.

Minutely sweeping the whole visible horizon with his keen eyes, Croft now perceived other black streams, issuing from other temporary shelters, slowly trickling down the slope. . . . He leaned back.

"They are crawling along upon their stomachs, as I predicted, to avoid detection," he whispered.

Presently, two or three figures detached themselves from the moving mass and wriggled forward with incredible swiftness, leaving the remainder some yards behind.

"Scouts!" whispered Croft.

Barbara caught her breath sharply, drawing back into the hut.

Croft, his eyes fixed upon the advancing figures, laid his hand upon the transmitter, with forefinger outstretched toward the little key upon which so much depended. No sign of the wire encircling the hut was visible in the comparative gloom.

A few tense moments. . . . then he pressed the key, keeping it down, giving the spark gap a slight adjustment.

Then, from all around, rose a deafening medley of howls and frenzied yells, partly of pain but more often of fear, as the advancing men came in contact with the wire, seeing the wicked blue sparks hiss at their bare flesh, feeling the sharp sting of the electricity. Those who escaped it were equally terrified, and the whole order broke up. Some rolled upon the ground rubbing themselves, still howling; others fled, screaming, toward the south. A few, braver, tried again to reach the goal; and again retreated, half petrified with fear of the unnatural.

Croft waited until, but a few stragglers remained near the hut.

"Now," he cried, "we must show ourselves, and complete the illusion!"

"Oh!" remonstrated Barbara, "is that necessary?"

"Yes; if it's to be a success."

Seizing her arm, he dragged upon the door, and whirled her round to the landward end.

Those natives who remained uttered loud, fearful shouts, at sight of the two white figures; falling upon their faces, they stretched out arms of supplication, gabbling what seemed to Barbara unintelligible nonsense. Those fleeing turned, halted, then likewise fell upon their faces, terrified at these apparitions in the starlight.

For a moment the girl thought her companion had lost his senses. Loosing her arm, he sprang forward with a bound, his arms wildly waving. Appearing unnaturally tall, his white shirt and bandaged head increasing the supernatural effect in eyes used only to a dark naked skin, he went through a pantomime of weird gestures. Now and then this was interspersed with extraordinary utterances snarled from between gleaming teeth and cruel, drawn-back lips. The wild awful fury, seeming to emanate from every pore, terrified her: he looked every inch a savage himself. His weird babble bore strong resemblance to that of her pursuer. Apparently the prostrate natives understood at least part of the discourse; for occasionally eager hands were raised in supplication, accompanied by cries or moaning replies. . . .

Suddenly, as if at some command, the groveling wretches scrambled to their feet. With another torrent of wild words, he wheeled round, and, to her amazement, threw his arms around her, pressing her close. . . . What seemed, in the excitement of the moment, like a cloud of smoke, together with a sharp explosion, momentarily dazed her senses. . . .

She felt herself lifted bodily, whirled back again round the hut and in at the entrance; while, from without arose a fresh confusion of howling cries, with the tread of running feet, as the warriors, terrified by the magnified effects of the revolver shot in the dusk, dashed for their lives away up the slope. . . .

Once inside, he leaned back against the bamboo, still holding her close, his breath coming first, every nerve tingling, primitive man among primitive men, after the savage state into which he had worked himself.

"Well done!" he panted, laughing wildly. "The revolver—just then—was an inspiration! Vanishing in a puff of smoke finished the trick!"

Barbara gasped, too much astonished to realize that she was still clasped in his arms, having forgotten the existence of the revolver during the last scene. It hung from her hand, still smoking a little from its accidental discharge.

"W-what—were—you doing?" she stammered.

Again he laughed wildly. "Telling them we were sent here by their gods, and should blast the island into a thousand bits if they showed us hostility! You saw the effect?"

"I did, indeed!" Realizing their position, she tried to free herself, but his arms tightened.

"Among natives," he continued, excitedly, "a wife is tabu to her husband. To—to make you doubly safe, I told them you were my—my wife."

"Your—" Words failed her. More vehemently she struggled, suddenly afraid of him, of his savage grip, and of the eyes which glittered strangely in the semi-darkness.

But ordinary shackles of restraint had fallen from Croft for the moment. Since those wonderful hours of the night before, the girl had assumed a new prominence in his mind. He had become acutely aware of her, as he had never yet been aware of any woman. It was all strange, bewildering. Life or death, man and woman, savage, primitive passions pitted against savage, primitive passions. . . . No drawing room code of morals or manners was guiding their destinies out here

He laughed again, pressing her fiercely up against his chest. "So—while we are here, you are mine! Don't forget. You may belong to another in England; but here, you—you are mine!"

His tone was exultant, and he bent her backward so that her face was upturned, unprotected beneath his own. His breath came hot and fast above her lips.

Some primeval, caged beast instinct seized her, too, sweeping away fear. Raising her free hand, she dealt him, with sudden passion of rage, a blow in the face while struggling violently in his grasp.

His arms loosed her so abruptly that she nearly fell. For a moment he stood before her, his hands groping at his head, looking dazed, or as if awakening after some vivid dream. She confronted him with the fury of a little wildcat.

"You are mad! Mad! I—oh—I hate you!"

Covering her face with both hands, she strove to subdue the extraordinary tumult within her . . . then looked up at the sound of the door being hastily shut with a crash of bamboo canes.

With a gasp of relief, she realized that she was alone.

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After the natives' attack, a new phase began between the pair. Paradoxical though it may sound, the hours which brought them so near together widened the gulf between them. Had that eventful night ended with the accidental discharge of the revolver, their daily life might have continued more or less placidly, like the waters of some river, with but an occasional rock obstructing its even course. But Croft's amazing lack of self-control had been like a huge stone hurled violently into the center of the river, causing ever-widening circles to extend. Intensified a hundredfold, all the fears of her first afternoon upon the island rushed riotously back. She became conscious of him as she had never been before: not only of the force of his will, but of the strength of the passions lying dormant under a cold exterior.

Nothing more had been said concerning the episode. Half expecting some kind of apology, she had decided, next morning, to accept it frigidly, drawing close the cloak of her own reserve and dignity.

But the apology never came. He did not appear at all until nearly midday, when he arrived with arms full of fresh fruit. Then it was he who

. . . Seized the Coconut and Hurled It Down the Beach.

seemed encased in a mantle of such icy reserve that her own attempts dwindled to mere foolishness. She took refuge in silence. A stone wall and ten miles of land might have divided them. He spent the afternoon fetching things over from the reef, leaving her severely alone.

This position endured for some days. He seemed to keep away as much as possible, and her loneliness became at times intolerable. But she learned many practical things. He taught her to create fire by friction with wood; to bake breadfruit—that substitute for a cereal in the South seas—in hot embers, then scoop out the interior; or preserve it by drying thin slices in the sun. She soon acquired primitive ways of preparing, with a campfire and a few old native vessels, the strange fish, birds and the fruits he brought.

Then, one day, he came striding down the slope, after being absent for hours, looking strangely haggard round the eyes. With disconcerting suddenness, in characteristic, brief sentences he demanded, more than suggested friendship between them.

"We can't go on . . . this life's unbearable. . . . ." His voice was unusually curt, the sentences were disjointed, his nerves evidently worn thin

She was taken unawares, at a moment of deep depression, when everything seemed very dark. Not pausing to reflect on the possibility of similar suffering having impelled this request from one unaccustomed to beg, she shrank back, her fears and suspicions crowding in.

"I'm afraid I can't trust your—friendship. I can't forget—"

He looked at her queerly, with eyes that flashed in sudden anger.

"D—n it all! That was an exceptional night. Can't you understand?"

But years of Puritan surroundings are not wiped out in less than a week.

"I'm afraid not. I—"

"Then you must lump it!" He turned away with an expressive shrug, and disappeared up the hill.

That was the only overture he ever made; and the strain between them increased.

Barbara welcomed anything which made work to absorb her thoughts. For the terrible feeling of impotence, the sheer homesickness, the loneliness, were ever below the surface, ready, all together or individually, to spring upon her at any moment.

A day arrived on which the onsets came "not singly but in battalions." She had been alone for hours. When Croft arrived, her spirits were below zero, her nerves frayed, her temper was not of the best. He glanced at her shrewdly, but appeared to notice nothing. Coming to the hut, he dropped a large coconut into her lap, where she sat outside the door.

"There you are, my child! Get busy!" he remarked casually.

Uncontrollable irritation, the result of solitary fretting, welled up within her. Impulsively she seized the coconut and hurled it down the beach. "Don't call me that! I'm not your 'child'—nor anything to do with you."

There was a moment's silence; then he gave a little laugh.

"No, indeed! Let's thank the good Lord for that, at all events."

She looked up, dumfounded; but he had turned away into the hut.

So that was the position? Her dislike was returned in full? A sharp stab of hurt pride and desolation caused sudden tears to rise and roll down her cheeks. She scrambled to her feet and, out of sight among the brushwood, lay down and sobbed out her heart.

Croft got his own supper that night. He made no comment on her swollen eyes and lack of appetite. But when she took the large shells used for plates to wash in the lagoon, he rose, impulsively, to follow her. After a few steps, however, he paused uncertainly. With a little helpless shrug, he returned to the hut.

Each day he spent much time upon the reef, salving all that was possible of the machine, until what remained was swept away one night by the tide.

A dozen times a day, one or both climbed the hill and vainly searched the horizon—gathering, with dwindling hopes, more fuel to heap upon the growing pile which some day might flare into a beacon to attract a passing vessel.

The natives seldom ventured far from their settlement. Whenever Croft encountered one, the frightened wretch took to his heels. Only once did he meet one with sufficient courage to reply to the white man's questions. But, at the first allusion to ships and other white men, his fortitude gave completely away; with a wailing cry of fear, he turned and vanished among the trees, leaving Croft no wiser. . . .

Barbara was haunted by thoughts of Hugh's suffering. To be alive, in splendid health, yet unable to inform those mourning her death, could be equaled only by a like impotence upon the other side of the grave to allay the sufferings of those beloved upon earth. After a lifetime, too, of inseparable companionship, this new existence, in which Hugh had no part, seemed strangely incomplete. Yet, paradoxically again, his presence was not needed here: he would have seemed as much out of place as the proverbial fish out of water.

Croft, on the other hand, appeared daily more suited to his environment, fitting in as if it were indeed his "natural sphere." Gradually, as the past grew fainter, her confidence returned. His apparent disinclination for her company, though reassuring in one way, piqued her in another. So she withdrew into her own shell; and the invisible wall grew higher between them, only occasional chinks appearing, or thin places through which they came a little nearer. At these times the girl regretted her refusal of his one friendly overture. . . .

It was one evening, two or three weeks after the natives' attack, that the largest chink in the wall appeared.

The day had been unusually hot; and she strolled listlessly up to the river to bathe. With bare sunburned feet, and the revolver—without which she seldom stirred—stuck in her belt, she passed through the grove, through the tall dark avenues beyond, to the clearing by the water's edge. There she halted, amazed.

Face downward lay Croft, his dark head buried in his arms; beside him were one or two branches of bananas; a couple of breadfruit had rolled, unnoticed, a few yards away.

> Barbara is shocked by Croft's display of passion. Yet she is piqued by his show of indifference. What next?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

"To Walk Spanish"

To make a person "walk Spanish" is to make him come up to time, or to make him act under compulsion. It refers to the old sport among boys in which one boy seizes another by the collar and the seat of the trousers and forces him along on tiptoe. Hence, by extension, it means to walk gingerly. Apparently the expression originally referred to the manner in which the Spanish pirates used to handle their prisoners while starting them out on the plank.—Exchange.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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CHRISTMAS TRAINS

"Well, well," said Santa Claus, "it seems to me that more trains are wanted this year than ever before.

"Sometimes I think there will be a change and that few trains will be asked for but it always seems as though trains were more popular with boys than anything else."

Santa Claus was in his work shop and by him sat his dog, Boy of the North.

Boy of the North was sitting very close to Santa. His tail thumped on the floor when Santa spoke as though to say:

"Yes, Santa, that is the truth. Every year it seems to me, too, as though you made more trains than ever before."

Such a workshop as Santa had. Oh, it was so filled with things. Dolls half made, trains half made, boats half made and toys of all sorts still only partly made.

For it was still some time before Christmas but Santa was working very, very hard.

"It would never do," he said, "to wait until the last minute.

"Sometimes people can do that. They will plan to do their Christmas shopping early but the time just seems to run away from them and then at the end they are rushing madly about remembering this present and that—just barely in time.

"But I like to have everything in readiness in plenty of time for there

Santa Made Trains.

are always last minute letters—at least the letters which come very close to Christmas.

"They ask for this little present or that little present and if I have time I try to do them all—within reason of course."

"Of course," thumped Boy of the North's tail.

"And so it is a good plan to have just as many presents as possible in readiness—then I can rush through with more gifts toward the end.

"Yes, I like to have time for the last-minute requests or wishes of the children.

"It is true that very often I cannot possibly finish all the last-minute things that are wanted. And often, too, I have all the toys ready for some of the children and really can't get any more. It wouldn't be fair to those whose presents I haven't finished or to those for whom I still should be making things.

"But I begin to rush long ahead of time—it's the only way for a busy old man such as Santa Claus to do.

"Now this will be a fine train, won't it, Boy of the North?"

Boy of the North turned his beautiful eyes upon Santa Claus and his face said so very plainly.

"You dear, dear Santa Claus. What a splendid dear you are. No wonder they all love you so!"

Santa Claus was making a coal car now and he had just finished a splendid looking engine.

"There are those who want new tracks or new stations or new parts to their sets of trains," Santa said. But all the time he was talking he was working too.

How quickly he worked!

It was surprising to see how, in so short a time, the presents were finished and more started. But this was his special day for making trains.

"I can just see them on the floors," Santa said, "making the trains go. I can hear them making the most beautiful of train sounds! I can see their delight."

And Santa's eyes danced with glee at the thought of the happiness all these trains would make.

"They will make believe to be traveling long distances, they will pretend their trains are going on long journeys. And they will be going on long journeys too.

"For some of the best journeys in the world are those taken in the children's play rooms there are such splendid make-believe adventures to be had—oh, the wildest and most exciting and most wonderful journeys in all the world have been had in this way.

"Hurry up! Hurry up! There! The coal car is finished. Now for a fine passenger car and I think I shall name the engine on this train as sometimes real engines are named—and I shall paint it a fine green. It will be called 'The Fast Flyer.'

"That train is finished. Now for the next one!"

So Santa made trains in his workshop—just as fast as ever he could and that was pretty fast, as everyone knows full well.

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All druggists sell Resinol Soap and Ointment.

Kept Well Posted

"Tom's wife is blind to his faults."

"But not deaf. Trust the neighbors to point them out to her."

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COATS FOR MIDWINTER; PRACTICAL SCHOOL FROCKS

BREATHES there a woman with soul so dead, who never to herself—and to her husband—has said, that she simply must have a new fur coat? If such there be, there must also be something the matter with her sense of clothes; for the female of the human species loves fur with a constancy that has lasted for centuries.

Furriers versed in the lore of their business are always planning new splendors in wraps made of expensive skins, and manipulating inexpensive pelts into far less costly garments. There is a market for all of them. The transformation these furriers work are all wonderful, and many rich looking wraps are made of skins that began life in the humble ranks of the rabbit, the muskrat, and other plentiful animals, with very little pretension to beauty.

A Gorgeous Winter Coat.

Among the handsomest coats this winter are models that show a combination of two furs in the body of the garment, as seal and ermine, astrakhan and fox, leopard and seal, ermine and sable. Nearly always a coat or wrap of one fur has collar, cuffs, and often trimming of another fur, as in the beautiful leopard skin pictured, made up with seal accessories. Leopard is more fashionable then ever, and its wonderful markings reveal their fascination in these long coats. All the well-known skins may be found made up in lines similar to those in the coat pictured and the winds of fashion are not so variable in coat styles as in others. Mink, sable and squirrel coats usually have their collars and cuffs of the same skins.

A new whim of fashion in this season's garments appears in accessories and trimmings in shaded effects. For instance, on a brown astrakhan coat, collar, cuffs and bands are made of astrakhan shading from very dark to light brown. This may be a passing fad—or it may have come for a prolonged stay. A good fur coat is really an economy—it costs no more in the long run than shorter-lived garments.

Fashion has proved a good dictator this season in bringing about extreme practicality in dresses for schoolgirls. It has been a long time since our junior and older girls were so suitably and becomingly dressed, as they are today. But there is nothing dull or uninteresting about their simple, comfortable, everyday frocks—they are redeemed by the fabrics used and clever variation of design.

In fabrics striped flannels and those in plaid and fine cross-bar patterns have made wonderful contributions to the diversity and liveliness of school dresses. Tan, dark blue or brown grounds varied by Roman stripes make cheerful frocks even when reduced to the last extreme of simplicity. Strong contrasts in plain stripes, as blue and tan, tan and green, gray and blue, in which the stripes are cleverly used in transverse or bias bands for decoration, have all the chic in the world. On these striped materials linen collars and cuffs, in natural or white, are an important item in the ensemble this season. In these dresses belts made of the material are cut lengthwise of the cloth, showing the darker stripe edged with a line in the lighter shade. Fashion gives hearty approval, also, to narrow leather belts.

When plain materials are used—as twills, flannels, suede fabrics or broadcloth they are sometimes varied by the introduction of a fancy weave in the same color, as shown in the dress pictured. Here a wide panel, in a big checker-board pattern, almost covers the front of the dress. Color contrast is provided by rows of flat braid stitched on it and the color is repeated in groups of buttons at one side. The belt, which is much wider than the average, is made of the plain fabric.

A Practical School Frock.

Pipings, facings, narrow embroidered or fancy bindings, in vivid colors, brighten the popular dark blues, browns and greens that are liked for everyday, and plaids must not be neglected when the matter of outfitting school girls comes up for attention.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

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Redwood Grove Memorial to Franklin K. Lane

The spirit of the late Franklin K. Lane was invoked at the dedication of the Redwood grove in his memory at Kettintelbe, in Humboldt county, California, recently. He loved the great forests of the Pacific coast and in his official capacity had occasion to turn this love into the channels of protection, says the New York Times. Mr. Lane was an apostle of the parks, seeking to preserve, enlarge and improve the lands set aside by state and nation for the enjoyment of future generations. To him the great stretches of wilderness were spots to be saved. But at the same time they were, as he put it, a challenge to man. "Master me! Put me to use! Make me something more than I am!" were the words in which he described the challenge of the wilderness. And in response to it he sought to show the people of the country how much could be added to the available regions by the love and thought of man. It was not enough for him that they were preserved. They must also be made accessible.

The redwood grove dedicated in his memory is only a small tract—195 acres. It adjoins the Humboldt state redwood park, in the heart of one of the finest remaining redwood regions, and itself contains unusually splendid specimens of this giant tree. More common than its cousin, the sequoia gigantea, or "big tree," it has also been subject to greater destruction. It attains neither the weight nor the age of the big trees, but is often taller. Where the giant sequoias reach a diameter of 35 feet, the redwoods rarely exceed ten feet. John Muir has estimated the age of some of the biggest specimens of sequoias at between 3,000 and 4,000 years, whereas few redwoods have been found over 1,400 years of age.

The worst enemy of the redwood, as of the big trees, is man, insects and other pests being unable to attack the large specimens, and even fire more often than not leaves them unscathed, owing to the thick bark and tough nature of the wood. The greed of man, however, is insatiable. Against this the only effective protection is control by state or national bureaus. Travelers in the '80s and '90s describe the ruthless destruction of these giant forests by lumberers, who used methods so wasteful that often two-thirds of a tree was unfit for use.

City's Rapid Growth

Fifty-three years ago, Akron, Ohio, was selected as the site for the first rubber factory to be established west of the Allegheny mountains. At that time it was an easy-going little city of less than 10,000 inhabitants, covering only a few square miles of ground. The Akron of today as compared with 53 years ago is vastly different, says the India Rubber Review. The city now covers more than 25 square miles. It has a population in excess of 200,000. Its many rubber and tire factories employ more than 50,000 persons. More than 50 per cent of all rubber tires made in the world are products of Akron factories. The value of the output of tires and other rubber products exceeds $500,000,000 a year. Compared to the first rubber factory of half a century ago, run by water power, Akron's rubber factories of today consume more than 500,000 horsepower of steam and electrical energy every 24 hours.

Queen of the China Sea

Capt. W. H. Dowman, the owner of the famous old tea-clipper Cutty Sark, is considering whether he will put canvas on the ship and endeavor to break the old sailing record to Australia, says London Answers.

The Cutty Sark has now been practically rerigged from a barquentine into a full-rigged ship, carrying a main sky-sail yard. The aim has been to get as near as possible to the ship's rig in 1870 when under Captain Moodie she made the quickest voyage from China of all the clipper fleet.

It would, however, take at least two years to complete arrangements for the Australian voyage. The Cutty Sark is at present at Falmouth and was a striking feature at the recent Fowey regatta.

Odd Uses for Clock

Give a 75-cent alarm clock to a native on the island of New Caledonia, 1,100 miles north of Australia, and he will get a million dollars' worth of jewelry out of it, according to Edward Baden of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has returned home after a South sea voyage. The natives break the clocks, tie the shining brass work around their wrists, the springs on their backs, the wheels on their legs and the nickeled parts and dial on their breasts and faces.

His Action

"Hello, Sonny!" saluted a motorist who had penetrated into the remote Rumpus Ridge region. The time was in the early dusk. "Is that your father over there running from those hooded and robed men?"

"No," replied young Bearcat, son of Gap Johnson, of whom you may have heard. "He's flying."—Kansas City Times.

Scotch Reading More

People of Scotland are turning more to reading, the circulation of the Edinburgh library now being nearly double that of last year.

New English M. D.'s

Medical graduates in England numbered 2,482 last year, bringing the rate nearly to one medical man for every 1,000 people.

The Letter From "Old Top"

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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DICK TRAVERS, successful business man, glanced over the little string of pictures at the foot of his morning paper and sighed. "Bringing Up Phyllis" had been running as a "comic strip" for some three years and a half, and only in the last few weeks had begun to show the effect of pure brain fag.

"Poor 'Old Pop,'" sympathized Dick, "these pictures are being wrung out of a brain already squeezed dry of ideas. I know what it is. Didn't I do the same sort of thing for five years?"

The outcome of Dick's line of thought was that a letter found its way to the desk of a young lady who was even then rumpling a head of glorious red hair in an effort to think out an idea that was not entirely eaten by moths. Of late her "Bringing Up Phyllis," signed "Old Top," had been giving her brainstorm after brainstorm, and this morning it seemed as if she must just quit the whole game and go to chicken raising or some less nerve-racking means of making money.

She opened the letter listlessly, and while she read it every type of emotion known to a red-headed girl swept over her.

"Dear 'Old Top,'" the letter ran, "your work in 'Bringing Up Phyllis' has been decidedly stale of late. It shows the signs of a brain garnered of every vestige of fruit. I am sending you some ideas for pictures. I did this kind of work for five years, and at the end of three was looking for the nearest and deepest canal into which to toss my weary body and brain—so great was the strain. Most of the funny men go potty or take to absinthe, if they can get it, so you just buck up and use these ideas. I have far more money now than sense, so don't suggest any fifty-fifty buncomb."

The letter was signed, "Yours in sympathy, Pal."

Old Top's ladylike heart flopped. Pal was the name of a cartoonist who had given her more laughs than all the rest put together. She had often wondered what had become of him.

She scanned the ideas swiftly and then grasped her pen and swung in some powerful strokes for an hour or two. After sending them in to press she donned a most bewitching wee hat of scarlet and dull blue and went out for a walk in the park. It was the first time she had felt free for some time.

Before she returned to her small flat in the evening, Old Top had found out from one of the editorial offices that Pal had cast the roar of pressdom from his ears and was out on a small farm on Long Island raising prize cattle and his name was Dick Travers.

Next morning when Travers opened his mail there was a letter from Old Top. He read it with amusement and huge interest.

"Dear Pal," it ran, "I cannot thank you for your kind interest in my moldy cartoons. I was not only looking for the nearest and deepest canal, but was also seeking a big revolver and a gas pipe, but from all these methods you have saved me. Would you, if you are not too awfully attached with wife and such like, come and have dinner with me Thursday evening. Come in tweeds, if that is what you have on at the time, but there isn't room in my small flat for any of the prize cows."

Old Top gave the address and the flat number, and thitherward in brown tweeds drove Dick. He was generously armed with a basket of new-laid eggs, fresh butter and a bottle of thick cream.

"These city chaps don't often get the real thing," he told himself by way of excusing the perhaps too human side of his nature.

When he found himself in the artistic wee flat and confronted by a big genial type of man Dick was delighted that he had accepted the meeting.

"I'm mighty glad to meet you, Old Top," he said by way of greeting.

"I say," laughed the other, "don't accuse me of anything like that. Here's Old Top." And with that he turned to a diminutive girl with a shock of red hair who held out a most warm and cordial hand to the astonished Dick Travers.

"It is certainly good of Pal to come and have dinner with us," she was saying with a mischievous smile, and Dick knew that things were happening to his heart right then and there.

But with an awful fear in his mind he wondered if the big man was Old Top's husband. With all his soul he hoped this wonderful girl had not been snatched into the matrimonial net, and therefore was not eligible to be dragged swiftly out to his farm, and there, among the prize cows, draw cartoons to her heart's content, and also his own.

"My brother," said Old Top sweetly seeming to divine his suspense, "and I have always wanted to meet you."

"Then that's that," laughed Dick happily, and unburdened himself of butter, eggs and cream.

Phyllis would certainly be well "brought up" after that.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Moore have taken a suite at the Palace Hotel for the winter months.

Mrs. J. B. Glunz was a San Francisco visitor yesterday, combining business with pleasure.

J. E. Cooper went to San Francisco Tuesday and drove the new sedan down which he recently sold to the Thomas Hampton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lambe who have been living in the Cooper apartment on Oak Grove avenue for some months past, have moved to Palo Alto.

Mrs. William Moore entertained the members of the Companions Card Club at her home on Tuesday evening.

Pinky Hall, alleged Redwood City bootlegger, was convicted on two counts of selling booze, by a jury composed of eleven women and one man in the Superior Court at Redwood City Tuesday afternoon.

MILK ORDINANCE PASSED BY SUPERVISORS MONDAY

An amendment to the ordinance which governs the work of the county veterinarian was passed Monday by the board of Supervisors of San Mateo county at their regular meeting in Redwood City which provides for the appointment of a county inspector of milk.

The new ordinance puts the entire control of the dairy business under the office of County Veterinarian W. C. McLean, and makes possible the thorough testing and supervision of all milk products.

Dr. McLean was authorized by the board to recommend some one for the new office of milk inspector. This appointment will be made within thirty days, which is the time limit upon all new ordinances before they go into effect.

Four additional street lights were granted to the town of Atherton, to be placed along he county highway. An apropriation of $240 was made for the squirrel eradication campaign which is carried on under the supervision of the United States public health bureau. Other minor business was taken care of before adjournment.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR LAS LOMITAS SATURDAY EVE.

A Christmas party will be given by the Las Lomitas Parent-Teacher Association this evening at the school house. From 7 to 9 o'clock there will be free moving pictures; from 9 to 10 o'clock a children's program with tree and Santa Claus, and from 10 o'clock to midnight dancing for the high school group and adults.

A card party, planned for Januuary, is in charge of Mrs. Eugene Dumesnil. The next meeting of the Association is to take place on Friday evening, January 9th at 2:30 o'clock.

Last week's meeting was featured by Christmas carols sung by the school children and solos by Mrs. B. Regan and Mrs. Elmo Robinson.

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PICTURE MACHINE PRESENTED TO SCHOOL YESTERDAY

The Menlo Park Parent-Teacher Association meet at the school yesterday afternoon in regular session with the president, Mrs. James T. O'Keefe, presiding, and who in a pretty speech presented the new Acme motion picture machine to James Mason of the school who responded briefly by saying that the machine just "added one more link in the golden chain of efficiency in the local school." A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. A. W. Gale as chairman of the committee to raise funds for the purchase of the machine.

The membership committee reported the addition of four new members to the organization as follows: Mrs. J. B. Logan and Mrs. Logan, Sr., Mrs. Maloney and Mrs. Ruth Campbell.

The Library committee reported that the Library will be open only on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4 during the holidays and Mrs. F. S. Becker of the committee to ascertain what could be done about a traffic officer to assist children in crossing the highway, reported that she was waiting on the report of the committee from the Improvement Association to report their findings in regard to the system being used in Mayfield.

Mrs. W. Moore reported receipts of $8 from the informal afternoon held last Tuesday and donations of $3 more were received making a total of $11 to be used for a fund for the entertainmsnt of the San Mateo County Federation on Founders Day in February.

Mrs. Neff, principal of the night school of the Sequoia Union High sent a communication which was personally represented by Mrs. E. H. Werthman, who is to have charge of night classes to be formed in Menlo Park for the teaching of English and Americanization to foreigners. A room has been secured for the class in the basement of the school and Mrs. Werthman urged ths P.-T. A. to assist with the furnishings, so it can be made cheerful and cozy, thereby giving the students an example of American ideals in this respect. She stated that about twenty persons had signed up for the work but that many more were expected to do so as soon as the sessions commenced. Miss B. Kuck was appointed on a committee to assist in the work of furnishing this room.

Mrs. Adelaide Beach of the Las Lomitas school sent an invitation for the mothers and fathers of the local school to form themselves into a class for the study of English and offered to act as the teacher, thus giving parents a chance to brush up on their English to keep abreast of the children.

Miss Hall, superintendent of the Juvenile Detention Home in Redwood City spoke briefly of her work among the young an extended an invitation for the members one and all to visit and inspect her institution.

Delicious refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting with Mrs. Aabel and Mrs. Allen as the hostesses.

Mrs. J. E. Cooper and children expects to leave today for a visit with relatives in Stockton and will remain away over the holidays. Mr. Cooper will go up for Christmas.

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Mrs. Frank Bracesco was a San Jose visitor on Tuesday.

At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the children of the Menlo Park school presented an entertainment in the school auditorium which attracted a large crowd of parents and friends. The numbers were all well rendered and the children and their teachers deserve a great deal of credit for the splendid way in which they were given.

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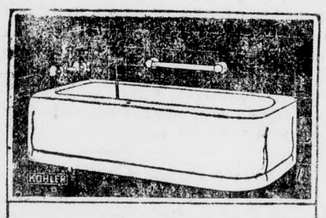

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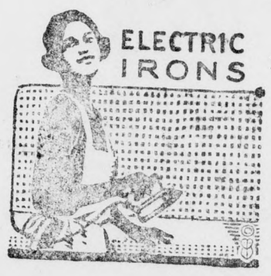

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